



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: PATENT Application of:)

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Art Unit 2813

Application Serial No. 08/926,592)

Examiner E. Pert

Filed: September 4, 1997)

For: LAYER MEMBER FORMING METHOD)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of **December 4, 2002**, the shortened statutory period for response having been extended two (2) months until **May 4, 2003**, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Office Action of **December 4, 2002** has been received and its contents carefully noted. Concurrently filed herewith is a *Request for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time* that extends the shortened statutory period for response until May 4, 2003. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this response is timely filed and fully responsive to the Office Action.

Claims 13, 16, 17 and 21 remain pending in the present application and, at least for the reasons set forth below, are believed to be in condition for allowance.